

# Dexter Community Garden

2022 Season



## Getting the garden growing

After a year of hiatus Dexter Community garden was open again. Garden applications were available from the late winter until garden's opening in the early spring. As in previous years, City of Dexter residents had first priority over non-residents in applying for plots; returning gardeners were allowed to request the same plots as they had used in the past.



Garden was plowed and open for the gardeners to begin planting in the middle of May.

As we began to settle in into the somewhat new garden location, gardeners were invited to pull and collect rocks from the newly plowed part of the garden. Throughout the season great rock piles accumulated, soil was improved and bountiful harvest was enjoyed.



## End of the season

Last day at the garden was in the middle of October. Gardeners were invited to harvest and clean up their plots ahead of time.





# Community Garden Survey Results

*All gardeners were invited to participate in the Community Garden End -of-Season Survey. Not all gardeners responded to the survey, and not all of those responding answered all the questions.*

**Number of garden plots: 14 full plots, 4 raised beds**

**Number of primary gardeners: 12**

**Number of surveys received: 8**

*The answers below represent combined totals and are based upon the best estimates of responding gardeners, extrapolated out to cover all the garden plots.*

**Total number of people who gardened with Community Garden this season: 70+**

**What did you grow on your plot?**

Green beans, hot peppers, cabbage, kale, eggplants, yellow squash, zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, pumpkins, turnips, zinnias, potatoes, sweet corn, sunflowers, peas, tomatillos, spinach, radish, marigolds, basil, dill, parsley, carrots, butternut squash, sweet peppers.

**How much would you say you have harvested from your plot this season? 300+ lbs.**

*(Note: many gardeners responded to this question with answers such as “2 shopping bags’ full “or “25 ears of corn”.)*

**How much have you shared with others? 120+ lbs.**

**How many people did you share your produce with?**

**Over 160 people enjoyed fresh and preserved produce grown at the Community Garden.**